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Yellowstone NATIONAL PARK

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

AUGUST 1950

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| | ROGERS | |
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| | NICH | |
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| ✓ | WOHLBRANDT | |
| | ROBINSON | |
| | WIGGINS | |
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Summary of the August 1950 Monthly Narrative Report for
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK


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| WEATHER: | Cool with rains first half; hot & dry end month. Fire danger 63. Maximum 88°, minimum 36°. | 1 |
| SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: | Rogers to Bozeman and inspection South Approach Road. Mattson trips to Teton with Vint, J. Miller & Breeze. Exams by Local C.S. Board. Park Hotel fire, Gardiner. | 1 |
| | Population census, 11,116 visitors, 3,419 employees, total 14,535. Montana Power Co. constructing line for additional power at Mammoth. Tourist study by Wyoming Highway Dept. and NPS. | 2 |
| INSPECTIONS: | Keith Neilson, Jerome Miller, Dr. Julian W. Feiss, Leo Finn, Dr. Meredith Burrill, Harvey McAndrews, Dr. Walter Gaumnitz, E. L. Ericson, H. R. Angwin, L. F. Copeland, H. R. Davenport, Frank A. Kittredge, Ben Breeze, Dr. Paul Raver, Thomas Vint, Newton B. Drury, Wm. Robertson, Guy Edwards, Charles Foster, Edwin Childs, Barnes MacDonald, Ted Ogston, George Baggley F. L. Reyborn. | 2 |
| IN-SERVICE TRAINING: | Weekly Newsletter. | 3 |
| PUBLICITY: | July travel figures mailed. 177,500 folders on hand. | 3 |
| COMPLAINTS: | Seventeen letters of complaint received. | 3 |
| PLANS, MAPS, AND SURVEYS: | May & Martens from Region resigned. Labor situation serious, many to military duty. Some materials hard to get and no response to cement bid. Schuster on Canyon orientation map, Lake and Mammoth area plans, Custer cemetery boundaries and Teton studies. | 3 |
| MAINTENANCE: | Weather favorable, considerable progress. 4 new dump trucks. Special roadside cleanup crew. Rock crusher in operation. Repair at Canyon. All crews on. | 4 |
| NEW CONSTRUCTION: | Progress on both units South Approach Road; inspected by Vint, Miller & Breeze. | 4 |
| | Other construction projects listed. | 5 |

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| CONCESSIONERS: | Y.P.Co. working on laundry building & Lake cottages. Hamilton dormitory plans approved; attempting get bids. Record house counts, 8,172 guests 9th. O. F. Sandwich Shop & Haynes Shop Camp Roosevelt closed. Mr. Hamilton suffered slight heart attack. | 6 |
| RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND CHAPEL USE: | Chapel used for various services. Special communion. Mammoth Boys Choir to Canyon & Tower Falls with Student Minister Ost. Yellowstone Park Church Committee meeting. | 6 |
| INTERPRETIVE SERVICES: | Special Naturalist talks. | 6 |
| | New program announcement signs. Program throughout month. New self-guiding nature trails popular. | 7 |
| MUSEUM ACTIVITIES AND EXHIBITS: | Work on museum accessioned items & records. Damage to bear hide & stuffed bear; case to be obtained for bear. Herbarium work. Skins from thrush & mink. Cut flower exhibits popular. Indian artifacts, etc. accessioned. | 7 |
| RESEARCH AND OBSERVATION: | Bighorns observed. Activity of mud boiler near Mud Volcano. Dr. Cope to Molly Islands re. fish tags; found 14 dead young pelicans; to be investigated. 4 trees with old dates examined for photographing. Bear feeding exceedingly bad. | 8 |
| | Bears ate dead bears except hearts & livers. Elk observed eating wild parsnip & monkshood by preference. | 9 |
| NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION: | Book sales high, certain ones especially popular. Sales for month $3,958.07. | 9 |
| INCREASE OR DECREASE IN TRAVEL: | 356,900 as compared 380,786 last August, loss 6.3%. Season to date down 3.3%. North only entrance to show gain. | 9 |
| VISITORS: | Alfred Milotte, Karl T. Frederick, David Campbell, Gen. Richard Mittelstaedt, Albert Cotsworth, Julius Alms, Lawrence Madison, Lucian Donner, Barnet Never, Andy Anderson, John Mock, Lou Klouer, Lem Barnes, H. Struve Hensel, Governor John Bonner, Hans Thalberg, Dr. H. M. Thamdrup, V. E. Lindholm, Russell Turner, Joseph Dieves & Donald Vercelli, Dr. E. N. Jones, Senator Glen Taylor, Robert Wagstaff, E. E. Nelson, L. L. Perrin, Minoru | |

CONCESSIONERS: Y.P.Co. working on summer building & [illegible] cottages. Hamilton Hardware plans [illegible] attempting [illegible]. Record [illegible], [illegible] Harness Shop [illegible] Hamilton [illegible] slight [illegible] attack.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND CHAPEL USE: Chapel used for various services. Special [illegible]. [illegible] Tower Falls [illegible] Yellowstone Park Church Committee meeting.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES: Special Naturalist talks.

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MUSEUM ACTIVITIES AND EXHIBITS: Work on museum [illegible] items [illegible]. Damage to bear [illegible] [illegible] to be obtained for bear. [illegible] work. [illegible] from [illegible] & [illegible]. [illegible] flower exhibits popular. [illegible], etc. [illegible].

RESEARCH AND OBSERVATION: Bighorns observed. Activity of [illegible] boiler near [illegible]. [illegible] fish [illegible]; [illegible] young [illegible], to be investigated. [illegible] with old dates examined for photographing. [illegible] feeding excessively [illegible].

[illegible] observed [illegible] with [illegible] by [illegible].

NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION: Book sales high, certain [illegible] popular. [illegible] for month [illegible].

INCREASE OR DECREASE IN TRAVEL: 356,[illegible] as compared [illegible] last August, [illegible]. Season to date [illegible]. [illegible] only [illegible] to show gain.

VISITORS: Alfred [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Campbell, Gen. Richard [illegible], Albert Cotsworth, [illegible], [illegible], Lucian Denney, [illegible], Andy [illegible], John [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Governor [illegible], [illegible], Dr. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Russell Turner, Joseph [illegible], [illegible], Dr. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible]

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| | Iijima, Helena Pringle Smith, Wm. Reiter, Luther Steward, Ernst Deppisch & Hubert Hoffmann, in. | 9 |
| RANGER SERVICE: | General administration, entrance duty, tourist study, fires, search for boy, etc. | 10 |
| WILDLIFE AND FISH CULTURAL ACTIVITIES: | 16 damages. Bears moved but many returned. | 19 |
| BEARS: | injuries, 37 season to date. Traffic jams. 2 died, 13 killed. | 11 |
| FISH: | Eggs taken by F&WL Service. Fish plantings listed. | 11 |
| ELK: | Skinner, Evans & Kittams attend Gallatin meeting. 700 to be taken that area. | 12 |
| SWAN: | Trumpeter swan census, 80 counted. | 12 |
| FOREST FIRE PROTECTION: | 2 fires. High fire danger end month; secondary lookouts manned. Work on Divide Lookout trail. | 12 |
| BLISTER RUST CONTROL: | 214 acres initially worked, 555 reworked. Inspection by 2 Bur. of Ento. men. | 12 |
| WOOD UTILIZATION: | Cutting in Lava Creek burn. | 13 |
| TRAILS: | Outline of trail work done. Money limited. | 13 |
| HAYING: | Progress on haying at Lamar; 350 tons to be put up. Inspection to hay being purchased. | 14 |
| BUILDING FIRE PROTECTION: | Second fire at Lake Hotel. Several extinguishers replaced. "Humane Safety" report. Truck & crew to Gardiner hotel fire. | 14 |
| ACCIDENTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY: | 67 traffic accidents. 2 hot pool burns. | 15 |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT: | 78 cases tried. Other apprehended. | 15 |
| BIRTHS: | 4 girls and 1 boy born at Mammoth Hospital, including daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Foster Freeman. | 15 |
| DEATHS: | Alva Lloyd Smith, Vance Harold Hills, Georgina Dennis, Roy A. Hopkins (father of Mrs. Frank Anderson), father of Ernest R. I. Anderson. Oliver G. Taylor death; flags at half mast. | 16 |

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| | 11 fires, [illegible] Public Relations, [illegible] Lutter Street, [illegible] [illegible] Hoffman, [illegible]. | |
| **LABOUR ACTIVITIES:** | General administration, [illegible] study, [illegible], [illegible] for [illegible], etc. | 10 |
| **SLEEPING AND STAY CONDITIONS ACTIVITIES:** | 16 dormers. [illegible] but [illegible] [illegible], 30 [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] 2 [illegible], 15 [illegible]. | 11 |
| **FIGHT:** | [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. | 12 |
| **GAS:** | [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. | 13 |
| **SMOKE:** | [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]. | 14 |
| **POCKET SEAM MOTORCYCLE:** | 2 [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. | 15 |
| **FILETON FIRE CONTROL:** | [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. | 16 |
| **FOOD UTILIZATION:** | [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. | 17 |
| **TRAINS:** | [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. | 18 |
| **HAYING:** | [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. | 19 |
| **BUILDING AND INSTALLATION:** | [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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| MARRIAGES: | Darlene Gronseth and Kenneth Olson married in Chapel. DeVere Wright and Doris Loughrey married. | 16 |
| PERSONNEL: | Robert Luntey selected as representative to Department's Management Training Program. Lawrence Vickrey and Earl Hochstrasser resigned. | 16 |

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September 5, 1950

Memorandum

To: The Director

From: Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Subject: Monthly Report for August 1950

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of August 1950:

Weather Conditions. The forepart of the month was comparatively cool throughout the park with occasional rains while the latter part of the month was considerably drier with marked rising temperatures. The warmer temperatures during the latter part of the month with decreased rainfall caused the park fire danger to rise rapidly, reaching a new high of 63 on the 30th. Fortunately no lightning occurred so the month passed without any fires of consequence. The maximum temperature recorded was 88° on the 9th as compared with 95° in August 1949. A minimum temperature of 36° occurred on the 26th. Total precipitation amounted to 0.39" as compared to 0.56" for the same period last year. The grasses and range cover matured and became very dry by the end of the month.

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers made one trip to Bozeman on August 5 to visit the library there in connection with his project covering the legislative history of National Park Service areas. No other trips were made outside the park during the month with the exception of inspections of the Moran-South Entrance Approach Road.

Landscape Architect Mattson was in Grand Teton National Park with Messrs. Vint, Jerome Miller, and Breeze from the 6th through the 9th and was with Mr. Vint again from the 20th the 28th.

The Local Civil Service Board held an examination on August 8 for stenographer-typist for which there were two competitors, one on August 11 for clerk for which there was one competitor, and one on August 22 for stenographer-typist for which there was one competitor.

The Park Hotel in Gardiner, Montana, caught on fire about 4:00 a.m. August 9 and the building was a total loss. Two persons lost their lives in the fire and a couple others were injured. The Mammoth fire department responded to the alarm in order to prevent the spread of the fire to the ranger station across the street.

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The population census taken on August 9, 11 and 13 throughout the park showed a daily average for the three days of 14,535 people, composed of 11,116 visitors and 3,419 employees. The 1949 census showed 11,183 visitors and 3,763 employees or a total of 14,946 people. Of the 11,116 visitors recorded 2,367 were in the hotels, 2,155 in the lodges, 3,325 in the tourist cabins and 3,269 were in the various campgrounds. Of the 3,419 employees, 2,569 were engaged by the concessioners, 731 by the National Park Service and 119 by other Government agencies, contractors, etc.

The Montana Power Company started on August 14 the construction of a power line between Gardiner and Mammoth to furnish additional power for use in the headquarters area.

On August 23 the Traffic Department of the Wyoming State Highway Department in cooperation with the National Park Service began a tourist study to gather information through the use of questionnaires with regard to the economic value of the tourist business, which study continued through August 26.

Inspections. Keith P. Neilson, Finance Officer, N.P.S., Washington, D. C., in August 1 on vacation. Jerome C. Miller, Regional Landscape Architect, N.P.S., Region Two, in north August 3, out 16. Dr. Julian W. Feiss, Bureau of Mines, Washington, D. C., in August 1, out 4. Leo V. Finn, Special Assistant to Attorney General, Washington, D. C., in August 4. Dr. Meredith F. Burrill, Executive Secretary, Board on Geographic Names, Washington, D. C., in August 3. Harvey G. McAndrews, Sanitary Engineer, U. S. Public Health Service, Denver, who arrived July 26, departed August 6. Dr. Walter H. Gaumnitz, Specialist in Rural Secondary Education, Federal Works Agency, Washington, D. C., in August 6. E. L. Erickson, Chief Bridge Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads, Washington, D. C.; H. R. Angwin, Bridge Engineer, Western Headquarters, B.P.R., San Francisco, California; L. F. Copeland, Division Bridge Engineer, B.P.R., Denver; and H. R. Davenport, District Bridge Engineer, B.P.R., Denver, in August 9, out 11. Frank A. Kittredge, Chief Engineer, N.P.S., Washington, D. C., in North August 6, out 12. Ben Breeze, In Charge B.P.R. Road Work in Washington Office, in South August 10, out 16. Dr. Paul J. Raver, Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration, in August 17. Thomas C. Vint, Chief of Planning and Construction, N.P.S, Washington, D. C., in August 10, out 29. Newton B. Drury, Director, N.P.S., Washington, D. C., in August 30, out 31. William E. Robertson, Regional Engineer, N.P.S., Omaha, in August 25, out 31. Guy D. Edwards, Chief Recreational Planner, N.P.S., Region Two, in August 27, out 31. Charles B. Foster, Supervising Auditor, N.P.S., Washington, D. C., and Edwin C. Childs, Auditor, N.P.S., Washington, D. C., in August 20. Barnes MacDonald, Highway Engineer, N.P.S., Region Two, in August 31. Ted Ogston, Chief Ranger, Death Valley National Monument, in August 10 on vacation. George Baggley, Superintendent, Lake Mead Recreational Area, in August 25 on vacation. F. L. Reyborn, Foreman, Death Valley National Monument, in August 29.

The population census taken on August [illegible] and [illegible] brought the park around a daily average for the three days of [illegible], composed of 11,[illegible] visitors and [illegible] employees. The [illegible] 11,105 visitors and 3,765 employees or a total of [illegible]. [illegible] 11,[illegible] visitors recorded 2,[illegible] were in the hotels, [illegible] in the lodges, 3,[illegible] in the tourist cabins and [illegible] were in the [illegible] campgrounds, of the 3,[illegible] employees, 2,[illegible] were engaged in the concessions, [illegible] the National Park Service and [illegible] in other government capacity, [illegible] etc.

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On August 27 the Traffic Department of the Yellowstone Park Highway Department in cooperation with the National Park Service began a tourist study to gather information through the use of questionnaires with regard to the economic value of the Yellowstone Park, which study continued through August 31.

Inspections. Keith T. Wilson, Director [illegible], [illegible], Washington, D. C., in August [illegible] Region Two, in [illegible] August [illegible]. Region Four, in [illegible] August [illegible]. Julian W. Feiss, Bureau of Mines, Washington, D. C., in August [illegible]. Leo V. Flynn, Special Assistant to Attorney General, Washington, D. C., in August [illegible]. Dr. Meredith [illegible] Merrill, [illegible] Department, Bureau of Geographic Names, Washington, D. C., in August [illegible]. Dr. [illegible], Sanitary Engineer, U. S. Public Health Service, Denver, [illegible] July 26, departed August [illegible]. Mr. Walter [illegible], Specialist in Rural Secondary Education, Federal Works Agency, Washington, D. C., in June [illegible]. T. K. Nicholson, Chief Public Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads, Washington, D. C.; H. [illegible] Angelo, Public Engineer, Bureau Reclamation, S.F.R., San Francisco, California; [illegible] Fletcher, Public Works Engineer, R.F.R., Denver, and [illegible] Terrance, Director Public Works, R.F.R., Denver, in August [illegible]. Frank [illegible], Chief Engineer, R.F.R., Washington, D. C., in North August [illegible]. Ben Thomas, in Charge R.F.R. Road Work in Washington Office, in North August [illegible]. Dr. Paul [illegible] Sauer, Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration, in August 17. Thomas [illegible] Vint, Chief of Planning and Construction, R.F.R., Washington, D. C., in August 18, and [illegible]. Thomas [illegible] Murray, Director, R.F.R., Washington, D. C., in August [illegible], and [illegible]. William [illegible], Regional Engineer, R.F.R., [illegible], in August [illegible], and [illegible]. Guy [illegible], Chief Reconnaissance Engineer, R.F.R., Region Two, in August [illegible], and [illegible]. Charles [illegible] Foster, Supervising Auditor, R.F.R., [illegible], [illegible], and [illegible]. Irvin [illegible] Childs, Auditor, R.F.R., Washington, D. C., in August [illegible]. Barnes McDonald, Highway Engineer, R.F.R., Region Two, in August [illegible]. Ted Gates, Chief Ranger, Death Valley National Monument, in August [illegible] on vacation. George Baggley, [illegible] Ranger, Death Valley National Area, in August [illegible] on vacation. T. [illegible], Superintendent, Death Valley National Monument, in August [illegible].

In-Service Training. The Weekly Newsletter was issued each Thursday during the month to keep employees, concessioners and others currently informed of park happenings.

Publicity. No press releases were sent out during the month but the comparative travel figures for July were mailed out to the park's mailing list early in August.

A total of 177,500 Yellowstone broadsides for 1950 were on hand at the end of the month.

Complaints. Seventeen letters of complaint were received during the month, as follows: (1) unsatisfactory condition of cabins (2) lack of satisfactory camping facilities (3) lack of road signs (4) lack of accommodations (5) ugly picket fence around Old Faithful (6) reservations not held - cabin re-rented (7) inadequate transportation facilities (8) condition of food sold in store (9) derogatory statement made by naturalist about Boy Scouts (10) high charge for freezing fish - unauthorized service (11) garage service (12) naturalist statement about concessioners (13) procedure in doubling-up in hotel rooms, extra charge for single occupancy, and Wyoming state sales tax (14) unsanitary condition of cabins and comfort stations in cabin areas and disturbance permitted in cabin area (15) unsatisfactory camping facilities and alleged lack of information on map regarding campgrounds (16) lack of and unsatisfactory condition of cabins, lack of tables in campgrounds and road conditions around campgrounds, quality of meals in cafeteria, and faulty pop-corn machine (17) condition of accommodations, insufficient personnel at gate, early cancellation hour of 4:00 p.m. and no deposits acceptable, inadequate signs to Canyon Lodge and to other accommodations, insufficient personnel at lodge desk, inadequate parking at Canyon Lodge, limited hours for shower and no bath towels, reservations not held for twin beds or bath, erosion at Canyon causing trees to die, awakened by maid uninformed of holdovers, discourtesy, indifference and poor service of employees and poor quality of food at Old Faithful Inn dining room, girl sent from dining room because wearing shorts, no 20-page Government booklet available. It will be noted that the complaints listed under item 17 were all registered by one person.

Plans, Maps and Surveys. Engineer Ralph E. Martens and Engineering Aid Thomas W. May, who were sent to the Yellowstone by the Region Two Office to assist on construction projects, resigned during the month.

By the end of the month the labor situation had become quite serious. At least 35 or 40 men had been called for military service and although employment offices in three states have been contacted it has not been possible to obtain sufficient help. Some materials are also hard to get and on an invitation for bids on a carload of cement there was no response.

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Mr. Schuster from the Region Two Office worked on the completion and coloring of the Canyon orientation map, also on the Lake utility area, the Lake Hotel cottage area, and the study of the Mammoth area plan. He also completed the revision of the cemetery boundaries, Custer Battlefield National Monument, and worked on studies for the headquarters area and Jackson Lake Lodge in Grand Teton National Park.

Maintenance. August was favorable for road maintenance and considerable improvement was made in the road surface. About 8 miles of road was reprocessed and about 15 miles sand-sealed within the park. One half mile of new mat was laid and 7½ miles of sealcoating placed for Grand Teton National Park.

With the delivery of four new dump trucks it was possible to arrange a special roadside cleanup crew. The new Universal portable rock crusher received the latter part of July has been placed in operation and is working satisfactorily and chips are being crushed for the Canyon-Tower Falls road. About 3 miles of chips have already been placed.

Money was made available the last of the month for the repair of the 1-F3, G4, Canyon job and a small crew was starting work immediately. About one half of the 4½ miles has been reprocessed.

All road crews are still operating but because of the labor shortage it will be necessary to combine several in the near future.

New Construction. Contractors Jones and Hurley of Cody on the Yellowstone-Moran Approach Road (South Approach), Section D, Unit 1, grading and surfacing 6.945 miles, have completed about 12% of the work. About 18% of the time has been consumed and the probable completion date is September ~~15~~, 1951. The grading work is being done much more intensively than the previous month and it looks as though it may be possible that the grading work can be finished before the project is closed for the winter. Both Unit 1 and Unit 2 were reviewed by Messrs. Vint, Miller and Breeze during their stay in the park.

Contractor J. J. Dooling of Denver on the Moran-Yellowstone Approach Road (South Approach), Section D, Unit 2, and Portion A, Grading, Base Course and Surfacing 8.380 miles, has completed about 10% of the work. About 6% of the time has been consumed on this job and the probable completion date is September 15, 1951. Progress on this project is very noticeable and grading work has been started on practically all of the sections which do not follow the present road. The portions over the present road will wait until the traffic slows sufficiently to enable work with less interference and interruption. The contractor wishes to be able to finish the rough grading operations this fall before snow flies.



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A special communion service for Yellowstone Park employees was held on the evening of August 30 at 9:45 p.m. The service was conducted by Rev. E. A. Syms of Livingston, Montana, and was arranged for through the student ministers. There were about 200 people in attendance at this service and approximately 150 of them made their communion.

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Nineteen persons of record were injured by bears during the month but it is thought that many cases of personal injuries caused by bears were not reported. A total of 37 reports of personal injuries by bears has been reported this season. Most of these incidents occur along the park roads where visitors persist in feeding and photographing bears without regard to the dangers involved in approaching these wild animals. Educational efforts and warnings are not particularly effective and the low incidence of injuries is due largely to the tolerance of the bears. Roadside bears were particularly numerous in August and 39 different bears are known to frequent the roads in the Tower Falls District. Serious traffic congestion occurs on most sections for all hours of the day as a result of visitors stopping in the traffic lanes to observe bears. Since few turnouts are provided and road shoulders are very narrow, motorists are unable to park outside off the traffic lanes and avoid blocking the normal flow of traffic.

Two bears died as the result of injuries and 13 were killed as control measures. This brings the total of dead bears reported for the season to 17. No grizzly has been killed this season.

FISH. The Fish and Wildlife Service took 18,146,329 black-spotted trout eggs during the 1950 season. Shipments of these eggs to other areas totaled 15,028,399.

Fish planted in park waters in August are listed below:

| Species | Size | Number | Water Planted | Source |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blackspotted Trout | Fry | 100,000 | Aster Creek | Lake Hatchery |
| " " | Eyed eggs | 156,250 | Clear Creek | " " |
| " " | " " | 156,250 | Cub Creek | " " |
| " " | Fry | 150,000 | Gallatin River | " " |
| " " | Fry | 50,000 | Midway Lake | " " |
| " " | Fry | 25,000 | Middle Creek | " " |
| " " | Eyed eggs | 312,500 | Pelican Creek | " " |
| " " | Fry | 200,000 | Yellowstone Lake (Arnica Bay) | " " |
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Nineteen persons of record were injured by bears during the month but it is thought that many cases of personal injuries caused by bears were not reported. A total of 37 reports of personal injuries by bears has been reported this season. Most of these incidents occur along the park roads where visitors persist in feeding and photographing bears without regard to the dangers involved in approaching these wild animals. Educational efforts and warnings are not particularly effective and the low incidence of injuries is due largely to the tolerance of the bears. Roadside bears were particularly numerous in August and 39 different bears are known to frequent the roads in the Tower Falls District. Serious traffic congestion occurs on most sections for all hours of the day as a result of visitors stopping in the traffic lanes to observe bears. Since few turnouts are provided and road shoulders are very narrow, motorists are unable to park outside off the traffic lanes and avoid blocking the normal flow of traffic.

Two bears died as the result of injuries and 13 were killed as control measures. This brings the total of dead bears reported for the season to 17. No grizzly has been killed this season.

FISH. The Fish and Wildlife Service took 10,[illegible],329 blackspotted trout eggs during the 1950 season. Shipments of these eggs to other areas totaled 15,[illegible],399.

Fish planted in park waters in August are listed below:

| Species | Size | Number | Water Planted | Source |
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| Blackspotted Trout | Fry | 100,000 | Aster Creek | Lake Hatchery |
| " " | Eyed eggs | 155,250 | Clear Creek | " " |
| " " | " " | 155,250 | Cub Creek | " " |
| " " | Fry | 150,000 | Gallatin River | " " |
| " " | Fry | 50,000 | Midway Lake | " " |
| " " | Fry | 25,000 | Middle Creek | " " |
| " " | Eyed eggs | 312,500 | Yellow Creek | " " |
| " " | Fry | 200,000 | Yellowstone Lake (Arnica Bay) | " " |
| Blackspotted Trout | Fry | 200,000 | Yellowstone Lake (Bridge Bay) | " " |

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| Rainbow Trout | #3½ | 14,425 | Gardiner River (lower) | Emigrant |
| " " | #3½ | 10,225 | Slide Lake | |

The eyed eggs planted in three park streams were available as a result of a larger take than had been anticipated by the Fish and Wildlife Service. The surplus eggs were planted in streams trapped for spawn taking purposes.

ELK. Chief Ranger Skinner, Assistant Chief Ranger Evans and Biologist Kittams attended the fall meeting of the Upper Gallatin Conservation Committee held at the Cinnamon Ranger Station on August 13. After an extended discussion, during which the Forest Service and National Park Service representatives insisted upon a substantial reduction of the Gallatin elk herd, the Committee voted favorably to recommend that the Montana Fish and Game Commission leave the 1950 season open until 700 elk are taken.

TRUMPETER SWAN. A trumpeter swan census was conducted on August 1-4. Biologist Kittams flew over the park and counted 89 swans, 69 adults and 20 cygnets, inside the park and outside in the Bechler River area.

Forest Fire Protection. Two reportable fires were suppressed during the month of August. One of these was a smoker fire and the other was a camper fire.

The latter half of August was dry with resultant high fire dangers. On eleven of the last fifteen days of the month the fire danger was above 50.

Secondary fire lookouts were manned continuously during the last half of August and it was necessary to have the presuppression crew on standby at times when lightning was anticipated.

Work on the trail to the site of the proposed Divide Lookout was carried on by the presuppression crew. All clearing was done by the end of the month and nearly all of the grading. Blasting stumps from the tread was nearly completed, however, it will take several man-days to complete the filling in of the holes which resulted from stump removal.

Blister Rust Control. 214 acres were initially worked and a total of 25,791 Ribes plants were destroyed during August. Rework was also accomplished on 555 acres and a total of 97,887 Ribes plants were eradicated. This makes a total of 720 acres initially worked and 1110 acres reworked for this season to date. In all 218,900 Ribes have been eradicated this season.

On August 18 Messrs. Offord and Walters of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine visited the park and went over the sprayed portions of the Mt. Washburn area. They seemed to be well pleased with the results of this work.

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TRUMPETER SWAN. A trumpeter swan census was conducted on August 1-4. Biologist Kittams flew over the park and counted 59 swans. 69 adults and 20 cygnets, inside the park and outside in the Bechler River area.

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On August 16 Messrs. Gifford and Wallace of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine visited the park and went over the sprayed portions of the Mt. Washburn area. They seemed to be well pleased with the results of this work.

Wood Utilization. The Government Wood Crew composed of from four to six men have cut fuel wood in the Lava Creek Burn during the entire month. This wood will be used for all Government operations during the coming year. An accurate check of the total amount cut cannot be made at this time but it is estimated that 150 cords of stove-wood, 11 cords of 30" fireplace wood and about 20 cords of 5½' incinerator wood have been cut to date.

Trails. During August a trail crew of from four to six men continued working on the Shoshone Lake trail. A camp was established at the Shoshone cabin and also one at Moose Creek. On August 28 the camp was moved out of Moose Creek and returned to Old Faithful. Two men were assigned to the Lake District on August 23 to build a corduroy approximately 100 feet long over a bad swampy place in the trail between Trail Creek and Cabin Creek. Six men were released during the month to conserve funds. By the end of the month approximately $8,749.48 had been spent on trails since July 1. Work accomplished on trails to date is as follows:

All trails were cleared in the Mammoth District, one trail up the Yellowstone River from Gardiner to Blacktail given heavy maintenance. Several new corduroys were built, markers put up and drains put in. The trail from the Norris Ranger Station to Fountain Flats was maintained by a trail crew under a foreman with intensive work along the Gibbon River. The trail over the rocky cliff near the bridge to Monument Geyser Basin was reconstructed so that it is now passable. This eliminates the two river crossings over the Gibbon River and two road crossings. A lot of heavy maintenance is still needed.

All trails were cleared and improved in the Tower Falls District.

All trails were cleared and improved in the Lamar District. The lower end of the Pebble Creek trail was reconstructed.

All trails were cleared in the Snake River District.

All trails were cleared in the Lake District. The trail from Lake Butte to Cabin Creek was given heavy maintenance. 100 feet of corduroy was built between Trail Creek and Cabin Creek.

All trails were cleared and improved in the West Yellowstone District.

All trails were cleared in the Old Faithful District. The loop trail from Fairy Falls to Biscuit Basin through the Little Firehole Meadows was given heavy maintenance and the trail from Old Faithful to



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All trails were cleared in the Canyon River District.

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Shoshone Lake outlet was given heavy maintenance which included draining the swamp along Shoshone Lake. The trail through the Old Faithful campground that was eliminated by the new extension to the campground was rerouted around the area and built on higher ground.

All trails were cleared in the Bechler District.

The amount of money in the 214.02 account would allow for no further maintenance although it is badly needed on many trails. Unless the trail appropriation is increased it will be many years before more of our trails can be brought up to standard.

Haying. Haying activities under the contractor Dan Bigelow of Gardiner continued all month. During the early part of the month the activities were delayed because of the lack of drying weather and the high water in the Lamar River. The weather during the latter part of the month was ideal. The hay is of very high quality this year. At the end of the month approximately 325 tons were cut and baled. A maximum of 350 tons is to be put up.

On August 23 Assistant Chief Ranger Finch and Buffalo Keeper Pierson made a trip to Livingston and Bozeman to purchase oats and to inspect the hay to be provided by the McCoy Trucking Company of Livingston who was the low bidder on 75 tons of hay. The price of this hay is $34.95 per ton delivered at Mammoth. The hay to be supplied is from the Nesbitt Ranch on Trail Creek and is of high quality.

Building Fire Protection. On August 8 a second fire occurred on the roof of the engine room of the Lake Hotel. This fire was almost identical with the fire of July 25. It was caused by sparks falling on the old and curling wooden shingles while the boilers were being blown. The Yellowstone Park Company has followed our recommendations fully. Asbestos shingles for the roof have been ordered; a permanent steel ladder to the roof of the engine room was installed; the chimney was burned out during a safe period, and in the future the boilers will only be blown out when the fire brigade has been alerted. Both fires were extinguished by efficient and prompt action of the Hotel fire brigade.

The carbon dioxide extinguishers on the Service boat "Lollypop" were found to be expended. Temporary extinguishers were sent out as a replacement until the expended ones could be sent to a recharging station for refilling.

Several defective carbon tetrachloride extinguishers have been replaced with the new "Hero" can-type extinguishers which have proven more efficient and more economical.

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On August 25 Assistant Chief Ranger Finch and Buffalo Keeper Pierson made a trip to Livingston and Bozeman to purchase oats and to inspect the hay to be provided by the Mercy Trucking Company of Livingston who was the low bidder on 75 tons of hay. The price of this hay is $34.95 per ton delivered at Mammoth. The hay to be supplied is from the Nesbitt Ranch on Trail Creek and is of high quality.

Building Fire Protection. On August 5 a second fire occurred on the roof of the engine room of the Lake Hotel. This fire was almost identical with the fire of July 25. It was caused by sparks falling on the old and curling wooden shingles while the boilers were being blown. The Yellowstone Park Company has followed our recommendations fully. Asbestos shingles for the roof have been ordered, a permanent steel ladder to the roof of the engine room was installed. The [illegible] was burned out during a safe period, and in the future the boilers will not be blown out when the fire brigade has been alerted. Both fires were extinguished by efficient and prompt action of the Hotel fire brigade.

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The August report on "Square Safety" in all hotels, lodges and cabin camps was sent in. Since the hotels are closed during September

no further reports will be made this season. However, spot check inspections are still being made so as to insure no relaxation in fire brigades or fire prevention.

On August 9 the Mammoth fire engine crew took the fire truck to Gardiner in order to protect Government property from the fire which was threatening to spread from the burning Park Hotel. Two people lost their lives in this fire.

Accidents and Public Safety. A total of 67 traffic accidents were recorded for the month of August. This compares with a total of 72 for the same period last year. No fatalities occurred this month but several park visitors were hospitalized as a result of the more severe accidents.

Two serious hot pool burns occurred on the 1st and 18th. On the 1st James Alvery, age 63, Escalante, Utah, stepped back into a small unnamed hot pool on the shoreline of Yellowstone Lake in the vicinity of West Thumb and suffered second-degree burns up to the knee on both legs. James Hauf, age 3, Bremerton, Washington, fell into a hot pool approximately 1 mile north of West Thumb on the 18th and suffered second-degree burns on both legs up to mid-thigh. Both patients were released from the hospital within two days from the time of the accidents.

Law Enforcement. A total of 78 law enforcement cases were investigated and tried before the U. S. Commissioner during the month. The breakdown of law enforcement cases is as follows: speeding 37, speeding and reckless driving 1, reckless driving 7, defacing natural features 5, drunk and disorderly conduct 4, petty larceny 1, failure to extinguish campfire 2, operating boats in closed waters 2, operating boats beyond ¼ mile limit of Yellowstone Lake 12, excessive fish in possession 6, and use of illegal fishing lures 1.

In addition to the above, two men were apprehended for forgery and held for the Sheriff, Nampa, Idaho, on August 2. Two girls escaped from the Montana Vocational School for Girls, Helena, Montana, and were apprehended in the park on August 14 and 16. Many other law enforcement cases were investigated and either dismissed for the lack of evidence or are still pending.

Births. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. Schmitz on Minot, North Dakota, at the Mammoth Hospital July 31.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George John Klug of Gardiner at Mammoth Hospital on August 19.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hugh O'Neill of Gardiner at the Mammoth Hospital on August 21.

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A daughter was born to Park Ranger and Mrs. Foster Freeman at the Mammoth Hospital on August 30.

Deaths. Alva Lloyd Smith, 58, of Duluth, Minnesota, died of a heart attack at the Mammoth Hospital on August 12.

Vance Harold Hills, 42, a dishwasher at the Lake Hotel, was found dead in the rear of the Hamilton Store at Lake on the morning of August 17.

The father of Chief Clerk Ernest R. I. Anderson died of a heart attack in Tacoma, Washington, on August 21.

Roy A. Hopkins of Hayden Lake, Idaho, father of Mrs. Frank Anderson, died of a heart attack at Hayden Lake on August 23.

Mr. Oliver G. Taylor, Chief of Public Services, National Park Service, Washington, D. C., died at his home in Washington of a heart attack at the age of 66, on August 26. Burial was in Arlington Cemetery on August 29. All flags in the park were flown at half mast on August 29, the day of the funeral, in his honor.

Miss Georgina Dennis, 45, of Alameda, California, died of a heart attack at Old Faithful Inn on August 27.

Marriages. Miss Darlene Gronseth, Pryor Coffee Shop employee and organist for the Protestant services in the Mammoth Chapel this summer, was married to Kenneth Olson in the Mammoth Chapel August 19 by the bride's father, the Reverend Gronseth, a Norwegian Lutheran Minister from Minnesota. Both Miss Gronseth and Mr. Olson were students at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota.

DeVere Wright, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wright of Mammoth, and Doris Loughrey of Riverton, Wyoming, were married in Billings, Montana on August 7. DeVere is employed by the REA as a lineman with headquarters in Riverton and has spent most of his life in Yellowstone Park.

Personnel. Robert S. Luntey, Park Ranger, reported at Washington, D. C. on August 17 for consideration for selection to the Department's Management Training Program. Mr. Luntey was later selected by the Secretary's Committee as the lone representative of the National Park Service to participate in this program, which is to begin September 18 and continue for nine months.

Lawrence W. Vickrey, Fiscal Accounting Clerk (Cashier), GS-5 resigned for personal reasons effective at the close of business August 11.

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